

SITUATION REPORT NO. 28
INCIDENT NO. 2000-016
DATE: August 31, 2000 TIME: 2:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Flooding, ground saturation and storms.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous report.
3. DAMAGES: The Ramsey County Emergency Manager reported that on August 28 the village of Penn sustained damages from a storm that uprooted trees and a barn located within a mile of the community.

The Pembina County Emergency Manager reports that on August 28, the following communities had between 2.5 to 2.7 inches of rain: Backoo, St. Thomas, Hamilton and Drayton.

The Stutsman County Emergency Manager has reported that because of continuous rainfall in the saturated upper James River Basin that there has been little change in water elevations at either Jamestown or Pipestem Dams. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers increased the release rate from Jamestown Dam from 400 cfs to 450 cfs. This increase in releases can continue to be passed through the City of Jamestown without causing any specific damage. However, the increased releases will start creating problems for the city of Jamestown if the dams' releases go beyond 800 cfs, as indicated on the July 28 situation report.

4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous report.
STATE: No change from previous report.
FEDERAL: No change from previous report.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: American Red Cross and Salvation Army are assisting with special needs of individuals on the Turtle Mountain Reservation.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On August 25, the FEMA-State agreement for major disaster FEMA-1334-DR-ND was amended to extend the incident period from April 5, 2000 through and including August 12, 2000.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's disaster loan workshop in Fargo will close today. After August 31, loan applications can be mailed to SBA at 4400 Amon Carter Boulevard, Ft. Worth, TX. 76155. Applications must be received by the September 22 deadline. Applicants with questions about their loan applications may call (800)-366-6303.

Homeowners, renters and businesses who suffered damages from the severe thunderstorms and flooding have until September 22 to apply for disaster loan assistance by calling the FEMA teleregistration center at (800)-462-9029.

As of August 31, Job Service North Dakota received 5,304 claims and paid \$3,391,679 in Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) benefits to farmers, ranchers, farm workers, migrant workers and other self-employed individuals who have lost income because of disaster conditions.

The Public Assistance Program has approved 140 eligible requests for public assistance from local governments, state agencies and private, non-profit organizations. As of August 31, nearly \$2 million has been paid.

A total of 8,008 North Dakotans registered with the FEMA teleregistration center for individual assistance programs.

- The Disaster Housing Program has received 6,719 applications. To date, FEMA has paid more than \$10,420,279 in housing benefits and completed 7,203 home inspections.
- The Individual and Family Grant Program, administered by North Dakota Emergency Management, had received 2,754 applications and had approved \$2,251,120 in benefits by August 30.
- The Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued 6,542 applications to disaster victims and has administered \$8,240,500 in loans.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous report.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous report.
9. OTHER: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has developed a web page with cleanup and recovery information. The page is located at: <http://www.fema.gov/reg-viii/floods.htm>

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